



## News Release

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### **Workers at Mitchell's Dana Corp., Coupled Products, Inc., Fluid Routing Products Group eligible for federal aid**

INDIANAPOLIS (June 28, 2006) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Mitchell's Dana Corporation, Coupled Products, Inc., Fluid Routing Products Group are eligible to receive federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The TAA program, which is administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with the Department of Labor and it must be approved before benefits can be released. In response to a petition filed on behalf of the workers, an investigation began on June 1, 2006.

The Department of Labor investigation revealed that the firm has begun shifting production of hoses and tubing to a country that is a party to a Free Trade Agreement with the United States. Consequently, workers at the Mitchell plant qualified for TAA benefits and the findings were certified on June 13, 2006. With the ruling, any employee who has been or will be totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 26, 2005 through June 13, 2008 is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Eligible parties may contact the Bedford WorkOne at (812) 279-4400, or any WorkOne Center for more information.

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